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¶ By the King.

A DECLARATION OF HIS *Maiesties Royall Pleasure, in* what sort he thinketh fit to enlarge, or reserue himselfe in matter of Bountie.

HAuing so particularly *descended into the consideration of Our Estate,* (*respecting* Treasure, *and* Reuenue,) *as Wee finde it full of difficultie to reduce the same, to the termes*

that are to be wiſhed, by any ſuch ſud-den or certaine meanes, as will not re-quire ſome length of Time, *and change of former* Cuſtomes, *both in the maner of our* Expence, *and of our* Bountie; *Wee haue thought it one of the beſt parts of the* Cure, *not onely to reſolue with our ſelues, to de-cline from all manner of* Expence *that ſhall not bee neceſſary for the ſafety of Our* Crowne, *and honour of that Eſtate and dignitie (which no King can ſuffer to fall, but hee muſt run into contempt both abroad and at home) but alſo to take ſuch further courſe as may make knowen to Our Seruants and Subiects; that although it is farre from Our inten-tion to ſtop all liberalitie from Our well*

well deſeruing Seruants, Yet Wee meane not in reſpect of the vaine or vnneceſſary Expence, *of any priuate man (or vpon falſe ſuggeſtion of former ſeruices) to be drawne either by the mediation of friendes, or by the importunity of any party in neceſsitie, ſo farre to reſpect or commiſſerate others, as to caſt Our Selues and Our Poſteritie into thoſe wants or ſtraites, which may driue Vs to lay burdens on Our People, to whom Wee deſire to endeere Our Selues by all the Princely offices of Fauour and Protection which any earthly King can affoord vnto his Subiects. And therefore as We doe on the one part expreſſely forbid all Our Seruants and Subiects (of what condi-*

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tion ſoeuer they bee) to propound or offer any Suits to Vs, by which Our People in generall may be impouerißhed or oppreſſed: So on the other part We doe likewiſe expreſly forbid all perſons whatſoeuer, to preſume to preſſe vs, for any thing that may either turne to the diminution of Our Reuenew and ſetled Receipts, or lay more charge vpon Our Ordinarie, vpon paine to bee held and reputed in either of thoſe two kindes, as perſons vnworthy to enioy our Fauour or Preſence for euer. In which conſideration, becauſe wee knowe not whether wee may vnawares, or vpon multiplicitie of buſineſſe, chance to paſſe any Graunt or warrant, contrary to the order ſet downe herein:

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Wee doe not onely forbid all perſons whatſoeuer, (either Officers or others) to receiue any ſuch Petitions, *or* Warrants, *as ſhall be of thoſe natures that are forbidden in the* ſchedule *heereunto annexed (vpon that perill which is due to ſuch* preſumption) *but We doe forbid our* Secretarie of Eſtate, *the keeper* of Our priuie Seale, *and Our* Chancellour of England, *to ſeale any ſuch* Graunt *or* Warrant, *before they haue enformed Vs particularly, and receiued a new* ſignification *of Our pleaſure, by a new* Warrant *vnder Our hand. And becauſe Wee haue obſerued alſo, that the ſwiftneſſe in preparing* Warrants *before the* Suites *be mooued, (a courſe con-*

trary to all good order,) *is often-times a meane to hinder the* examining *and* distinction *of mens* Suits: *Wee doe likewise commaund Our* principall Secretarie, *Our* Masters *of* Requests, *and all other* Ministers *imployed vnder Our* Secretarie *in that* seruice, *not to suffer any* Warrants *to be made for any* Suite, *before the matter haue bene mooued vnto Vs by* petition, *and Our pleasure signified for that* Warrant *which is to passe Our* hand: Exception. *Except it be for any such* Warrants *or* priuie Seales, *as serue to direct or appoint any summes of* money *to bee issued for* paiments, *that concerne any present* seruice *for Our* selues, *or Our* Estate, *which are things*

things of other nature, and of greater expedition then matters of Reward.

And in as much as We are desirous to preuent the needlesse attendance of suitors, *to their charge and disappointment, (which is little better, if not more preiudiciall, then a meere* deniall,) *or to leaue men incertaine, within what natures* of Suites, *they may containe their* hopes, *and when and where, they may resort for* answere *or* dispatch : *Wee haue thought good, to conceiue and declare in another* Schedule, *(hereunto annexed) the natures of such* Suits *wherein We are pleased to be mooued. And for the maner of propounding or mouing them, We doe further de-*

To preuent charge of Suitors.

clare, that either Our Principall Secretary *for the time being, or ſome by Our appointment for him, and the* Maſter of Requeſts *then attending, ſhall haue audience of Us for all* Suites *that doe concerne Our* Bountie *once in euery weeke at leaſt: At which time if the ſame ſhall appeare, to be within the natures aboue limited for* Reward, *Our Pleaſure ſhall be ſo declared to thoſe that doe preſent them, as the* Suitors *ſhall know what they may looke for, and where they ſhall be diſpatched, according to the nature of the* Suit *that is mooued: But if any of thoſe* Suites *ſhall require further examination or information from any of Our* Officers *or* Commiſsioners, *whoſe know-*

Limitation.

Examination.

knowledge therein may be neceſſary, for giuing Vs further light of the Value *and* Nature *thereof, they ſhall then bee referred to thoſe whom it concerneth, vpon whoſe* Anſweres *and* Certificates *Wee will ſignifie Our further Pleaſure, as cauſe ſhall require.*

And becauſe there may be Suits, *which doe not fall within the knowledge or diſtinction of proper* Officers *and* Offices *(in which caſes it may be conuenient to referre the* Examination *of them to ſome ſuch perſons as may conferre with the parties that doe preſent the ſaid* Suites, *or thoſe that may haue ſome particular intereſt in the ſame, either in reſpect of trade or otherwiſe.) Wee haue* Mixed Suits.

Commissioners.

thought meet (in that respect) to appoint a certaine number of Commissioners, *to examine and consider of all such particulars, as shall be referred vnto them by Vs or Our Counsell. And to preuent the passing or graunting of any thing which should be contrary to our Lawes, Wee haue made Our choice of persons seuerally qualified, both in the vnderstanding of our Lawes, and other knowledges, that they may bee so much the better enabled, to report the qualitie of such* Suits, *to Our Priuy* Councell *after conference with the* Suitors, *and* Examination *of their seuerall natures, and the* Circumstances *depending thereupon, which would take too much time, from Our said Priuy*

Priuy Councell, *if they ſhould not be firſt prepared and digeſted by that courſe which is herein expreſſed.*

Laſtly, becauſe We would be loth that thoſe that haue not dayly acceſſe vnto Vs, ſhould thinke themſelues in danger ſtill to bee preuented by others, who haue more meanes to mooue Suites *for themſelues then they haue; Wee doe declare hereby, that (except it be in* Caſes *wherein ſome ſpeciall induſtry of* diſcouerie *may mooue Vs more properly to reſpect the firſt* Suitor *then any other) Wee will not ſuffer any ſuch* aduantage *to be taken by one mans neereneſſe more then another, as not to make it one of Our owne* Cares *(whoſoeuer be the* Moouer) *to ſtay either*

Reſeruation for abſent men.

either the whole, or part for others, that deſerue well, though they bee abſent, according as Wee ſhall obſerue, that Wee haue beene good vnto ſuch a Suitor *before, in ſome things elſe, or ſhall finde the* Suites *themſelues to bee of ſuch Value, as may content more then one.*

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A MEMORIAL OF THOSE SPE-ciall things for which Wee *expreſly command that no* Suitor *preſume to moue Vs, being matters either contrary to Our lawes, or ſuch principall* Profits *of Our* Crowne, *and ſetled* Reuenue, *as are fit to be wholly* reſerued *to Our owne vſe, vntill Our* Eſtate *be* repaired.

¶ *Things contrary to Our Lawes.*

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1 MOnopolies.

2. GRaunts of the *benefit* of any *Penal Lawes*, or of power to diſ-

pence with the *Lawe*, or compound for the *forfeiture*.

¶ *Reſerued to Our owne vſe.*

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3. RENts, Lands, and Leaſes, in *Poſſeſsion* or *Reuerſion*, not barring the *Tenants* in *poſſeſsion*, to renew their Eſtates, for xxj. yeeres, or *three liues*, as hath been vſed heretofore.

4. ALl Landes *entailed* vpon the Crowne.

5. CUſtomes, *Impoſitions*, and *Seiſures* for the ſame.

6. LIcences to *Import*, or *Export* commodities prohibited

bited by the *Law*, or any lawfull *Commodities*, without paying the due *Cuſtome*.

7. PRofits riſing out of Our *Tenures*, *Alienations*, and *Fines* leuied, or *Recoueries*, either *Common Recoueries*, or other.

8. PRofits anſwered vnto Vs, from any of Our *Seales*.

9. A*Sſarts*, and *Defectiue Titles*, as things onely fit to be meaſured by the rules of Our owne *conſcience*.

10. D*Ebts* and *Accompts* wherevpon there is any *Seiſure* or *Stallement*, and all other *Debts*

and *Accompts* accrued since the xxx. yeere of *Q. Elizabeth.*

11. THe *Fines* of the *Starre Chamber.*

12. NO newe *Pentions* to bee granted.

Neuertheleſſe, out of the Generalitie of the Natures *abouesayde, We intend to be excepted the* Particulars *expreſſed in the* Schedule *next enſuing, in which We haue conteined all the* Natures, *that Wee meane to haue reſerued for Our* Bountie.

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wherein VVe are contented to bee moued by Our Seruants and Subiects, and to reward them according to the particular merit of the Suitor.

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1. GIfts of *Offices* in Our *Gift*, to meete and worthy persons.

2. KEeping of *Parkes* and *VValkes* in *Chaſes* and *Forreſts*, and keeping of *Caſtles*, *Forts* or *Houſes*.

3. FOrfaitures of *Landes* and *Goods* that ſhall grow here-

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after by *Murthers* or other *Felonies*, wherein neuertheleſſe Wee doe ſtraightly forbid all perſons whatſoeuer they be, that ſhalbe *Suitors* to Vs for any ſuch *Forfeitures*, if there ſhal be any motion made before the *Offendours* bee duly conuicted, that they do not in any ſort reſort to any of Our Iudges, Iuſtices, learned Councell, or other Miniſters of Iuſtice, nor intermeddle directly or indirectly in the proſecution of the *Cauſe*, before the *Offendors* be duely conuicted, vpon paine both to bee diſabled to obtaine their *Suite* or any part thereof, or otherwiſe to incurre Our diſpleaſure for their contempt in that behalfe. 4. Par-

4. PArdons in Caſes appearring vnto Vs, by due *Certificate* and *Commendation*, to be fit to receiue Our *Mercy*.

5. EScheats that ſhall growe due for want of *Heire* by *Baſtardie* or otherwiſe.

6. LAnds that ſhal be hereafter purchaſed by *Aliens*.

7. DEnization of ſuch *perſons* as ſhall be thought fit.

8. FOrfeitures of *Outlawries* of ſuch as ſhall bee hereafter *Outlawed* after *Judgement*, and ſtand ſo *outlawed* by the ſpace of ſixe moneths, after the *Outlawrie* retur-

returned, and likewiſe of ſuch as are already *outlawed* after Iudgement, and ſhall not diſcharge ſuch *outlawrie* within ſixe moneths next after the date hereof: with *Cautions* and *Prouiſion* that the true Creditors ſhall bee firſt payed their debts, and that none of Our ſubiects ſhalbe ſued by force of ſuch *Graunt*, for any debt or other cauſe in Our Name, but onely in the name of the *Grauntee*, and with a Clauſe to be conteined in ſuch our *Grants*, for ſubmitting the ſame to Our Court of *Exchequer*, for the mitigation of the extremitie of the forfeiture, a tenth part of the benefite of ſuch *outlawrie* ſo mitigated

ted to be reſerued to Our owne Vſe.

9. PRoiects of new inuention, ſo they be not contrary to the *Law*, nor miſchieuous to the *State*, by raiſing prices of *commodities* at home, or hurt of *trade*, or otherwiſe inconuenient.

10. DEbts due before the xxx. yeere of *Q. Elizabeth*, whereupon there is no *ſeiſure* or *Inſtallement*.

11. ALſo, whereas in the *Schedule* of things reſerued from *Suit*, We haue made mention of *Aſſarts* and *Defectiue Titles*, as caſes fit onely to be mea-

ſured by Our owne conſcience; Yet We do hereby declare, that We do not vnderſtand (as comprehended in that Our *reſeruation*) ſuch *intruſions* as haue been made vpon Our *poſſeſsions* by colour of any *Intaile*, where the *Intaile* is ſpent, or by colour of any *terme*, where the *terme* is expired, being matter of plaine *diſinheriſon* vnto Vs, and that which no *Subiect* in his owne *intereſt* would indure: And therefore We are well pleaſed, That Our *Seruants* and *Subiects* do moue vs in caſes of thoſe *two natures*. Prouided alwaies, that they do not fal vpon any thoſe particular *Titles* which are already made knowen vnto Vs,

Vs, and *Regiſtred* into a *Booke*, *ſigned* by the hand of the *Chancellour* of Our *Exchequer*, to the view whereof, as occaſion ſhall ſerue, the *ſuitor* may be admitted, to the intent he may thereby ſee, there is no cauſe to reward him for *diſcouery* of that, which is already knowen; neither alſo that they meddle with any more ancient *Intruſions* but onely ſuch, where the *Intruſions* haue beene made, ſince the firſt yeere of *K. H.* 8. And that the *Sutors* ſubmit themſelues to ſuch *compoſition*, as ſhall be made by Our *Commiſsioners*, And a *tenth* part of the *benefit* of ſuch *Compoſition* as ſhall accrue to bee reſerued to Our

ſelues, and Our *ſucceſſours*, and the *parties* in *poſſeſſion*, to take a new *Patent*, with the former *Tenure* reſerued.

And becauſe We are willing that thoſe moneys *which doe ariſe by the faults of* offendours, *may ſometimes ſerue for matter of* Bountie, (*to a well deſeruing* ſeruant) *after they are leuied in a courſe of* Iuſtice, *and moderated by thoſe rules of* equitie *and* diſcretion, *with which the* publique miniſters *doe temper the ſeueritie and rigour of the* Lawes, and *not* purſued, *or* proſecuted *by* priuate men, *who for the moſt part care not how they moleſt, or ſtraine the* Subiect *in ſuch caſes : Wee doe firſt declare, that Wee are pleaſed,*

That

That all ſuch moneys *as ſhall hereafter come into Our* Exchequer, *growing either vpon* forfaitures, *or vpon* Fines *inflicted by any of Our* Courts *of* Iuſtice *for notorious* crimes, *and* miſdemeanours (*Our Court of* Star-chamber *onely excepted*) *ſhall be ſo diſtinguiſhed and ſeuered in the* Receipt (*without being mingled with any other* Treaſure, *nor* iſſued *for any Our owne occaſions*) *as Wee may diſtribute ſuch* portion *thereof, as ſhall ſeeme good vnto Vs, vpon any man that* meriteth Reward. *Wherein, although Wee know We ſhall depart with many* branches *of thoſe* Receipts, *which haue come vnder the Title of* ordinary caſuall Reue-

nue of the Kings of England; *Yet We haue thought it more agreeable to* Honour *and* Iuſtice, *and to the* Preſidents *of the greateſt and wiſeſt* Princes, (*aſwell Our neighbours, as Our* Predeceſſours) *when Wee are diſpoſed to* Reward *any man out of ſuch* caſualties, to *vſe Our owne* Iudgement *for the* quantitie, *and not to leaue the* proſecution *in ſuch caſes to* priuate *men, leſt when they know the particular* nature *of that* offence *from which their* benefit *ſhould bee deriued, they may take ſome ſuch* indirect *and* violent courſes, (*in reſpect of their owne* gaine) *as is farre contrary to that* Clemencie, *which Wee haue euer vſed, and intend*

tend to doe to all Our louing Subjects; *hauing euer thought it as proper for Vs, (reſpecting Our* Kingly Office) *to bee the* moderatour *of the* rigour *of Our* Lawes, *as to preſerue them from* neglect, *the one leading to* oppreſſion *of many; and the other to the* ouerthrow *and diſſolution of the whole.*

In which conſideration alſo, whereas Wee haue beene contented heretofore (and ſo are ſtill determined) to beſtow vpon diuers perſons *according to their* merit, *ſome* portion *of that* Benefit *which the* Lawes *haue giuen Vs, vpon the* conuiction of Recuſants. *Wee doe firſt expreſly ſignifie Our great diſlike of ſuch as out of* deſire *of*

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their owne priuate profit, *haue taken, or ſhall take vndue and extreeme* courſes *againſt any of Our* Subiects, *aſwell by* inditing *them in places where they haue no* Reſidence, *as otherwiſe*; *And next, becauſe Wee haue beene alſo* informed; *That ſome others, to whome Wee haue paſſed ſuch* Graunts, *haue ſo much abuſed Our* fauours, *as to preſume to* compound *with diuers ill affected, for light* ſummes, *before any* Conuiction, *(whereby the* offendours *in that kinde haue beene the more backeward to conforme themſelues: which is contrary to the godly ende and purpoſe of Our* Lawes, *that aymed not at their* puniſhment, *but at their* reformation:

formation : *Wee doe hereby commaund, that in all* Graunts *of like nature hereafter, a ſpeciall* Clauſe *be inſerted, that no ſuch* Grauntees *doe in any wiſe proceed to* Compoſition *with any* Recuſant *before a lawfull* Conuiction. *And further, that ſufficient* Caution *and* Securitie *be giuen, that We be duely anſwered of a third of thoſe* Forfeitures *or* Compoſitions, *for the better vpholding and continuing of that proportion of* Reuenue *which We haue heretofore receiued.*

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